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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1892
95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Education, April 15, 2010, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 294.045, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to work certificates.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 294.045, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 294.045, to read as follows:

294.045. [The work certificates shall be issued and signed by or under the
2 direction of] **1. Notwithstanding any other law, any of the following**
3 **individuals may issue a work certificate to a child subject to the**
4 **requirements of this chapter:**

5 (1) The superintendent of public schools of the district in which the child
6 resides;

7 (2) **The chief executive officer, or the equivalent position, of a**
8 **charter school that the child attends;**

9 (3) **A person holding a student services certificate who is**
10 **authorized by the superintendent of the school district or chief**
11 **executive officer in writing;**

12 (4) **Subject to the requirements and conditions of paragraphs (a),**
13 **(b), and (c) of this subdivision inclusive, the principal of a public or**
14 **private school may issue, or designate another administrator of the**
15 **school to issue, work certificates to children who attend the school. If**
16 **the principal of a public or private school chooses not to issue work**
17 **certificates under this subdivision, work certificates may be issued to**
18 **children attending school under subdivision (1) or (3) of this**

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

19 subsection;

20 (a) A principal who issues a work certificate under this
21 subdivision shall provide a self-certification that he or she understands
22 the requirements in existing law for issuing a work certificate. The
23 principal shall submit a copy of each work certificate he or she issues
24 along with a copy of the application for each work certificate to the
25 superintendent of the school district in which the school is located;

26 (b) The superintendent of a school district may revoke a work
27 certificate issued by the principal of a public or private school located
28 within the district if the superintendent becomes aware of any grounds
29 upon which the child may be deemed ineligible for a work certificate
30 under existing law;

31 (c) An individual with authority to issue a work certificate under
32 this subdivision shall not issue a work certificate to his or her own
33 child, except that any student, solely enrolled in a course of education
34 not otherwise prohibited under chapter 167 whose parent, legal
35 guardian, or designated private tutor is the student's primary
36 education provider and is also the primary individual responsible for
37 the student's education program and schedule, shall be issued a work
38 certificate by such primary education provider.

39 2. If the certificated person designated to issue work certificates
40 by the superintendent of a school district or the chief executive officer,
41 or the equivalent position, of a charter school is not available, and
42 delay in issuing a certificate would jeopardize the ability of a child to
43 secure work, another person authorized by the superintendent of the
44 school district or the chief executive officer, or the equivalent position,
45 of a charter school may issue the work certificate.

46 3. If a school district or charter school does not employ or
47 contract with a person holding a student services certificate, the
48 superintendent of the school district or the chief executive officer, or
49 the equivalent position, of a charter school may authorize, in writing,
50 a person who does not hold that credential to issue work certificates
51 during periods of time in which the superintendent is absent from the
52 district or the chief executive officer is absent from the charter school.

53 4. Notwithstanding the hour limitations imposed by this chapter
54 or any other provision of law, the hour limitations that apply to a work
55 certificate issued by any of the individuals described in subsection 1 of

56 **this section shall be based on the school calendar of the school the**
57 **child attends.**

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